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relatively great straining force and the stretchable portion (B<sup>2</sup>) 124a having a relatively great straining force are brought in contact with each other at a position on the inferior side of the patella. Therefore, the same portions as those of the embodiment shown in FIGS. 93 to 96 are designated with the same reference numerals in the drawings and descriptions of the same are omitted.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to 1.121):

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15. (Amended) The leg support garment according to claim 3, wherein:

the portion expressed as the stretchable portion (A) having a relatively great straining force is a stretchable portion (A2-2) having a relatively great straining force that:

CS substantially covers the ligamentum collaterale on the medial side of the knee joint of the human body;

extends approximately along a vicinity of a periphery of the patella on a medial side thereof;

surrounds the patella through at least approximately ½ or more of the periphery of the patella so as to cover at least a part of inferior

and superior regions of the patella, and reaches a side of the musculus gastrocnemius and/or the musculus soleus on the medial side; and

on a superior side of the knee joint, extends approximately along at least one selected from the musculus group consisting of the musculus semitendinosus, the musculus semimembranosus, and the musculus gracilis, and reaches a vicinity below the crotch and a vicinity of the sulcus gluteus;

and,

the stretchable part having a relatively great straining force further includes a stretchable portion (B') having a relatively great straining force that:

extends from a side part of the waist approximately along the tractus iliotibialis via a vicinity of the trochanter major, then, approximately along the tractus iliotibialis to a lateral side of the patella;

surrounds the patella through approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  or more of the periphery of the patella so as to cover at least a part of inferior and superior regions of the patella; and

passes a side of the musculus gastrocnemius and/or the musculus soleus on the lateral side.

16. (Amended) The leg support garment according to claim 15, wherein: